employed to detect illegal infiltrators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Government is aware of the problem of foreign nationals residing illegally in the country. There is a large number of Bangladeshi nationals, overstaying in different States in the country. The majority of them enter the country surreptitiously and mingle easily with the local population, because of the ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) 48 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended while crossing the border in Bikaner Sector of Rajasthan on 23rd July, 1993.

(c) Besides a number of administrative measures, Government have initiated several steps to check illegal infiltration of foreign nationals. These include intensified patrolling of the border by paramilitary forces, enforcement of Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme in the North Eastern States, fencing of vulnerable stretches along the International border, computerisation of visa system and issue of identity cards to the Indian citizens in the border districts which are prone to infiltration etc. There are also standing instructions to State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport Bangladeshi nationals who are staying illegally in the country. 3656 posts have also been sanctioned to assist the State Governments for the detection and deportation of illegal immigrants.

Meeting of Important Personalities on J & K

2911. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State of Internal Security held a meeting recently with some important personalities of the country to discuss the Kashmir situation, if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard and

(b) the names of persons attending the said meeting and the details of the consensus arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) An exercise for holding informal discussions and consultations with eminent persons who have been associated in the past years with diverse problems affecting the security situation in the country has been initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The first such meeting was recently held by Minister of State for Internal Security.

The focus of discussions in this meeting was mainly on Jammu and Kashmir. The participants while outlining their own perceptions of the situation, were of the view that efforts to contain militancy and infiltration from across the border should be further intensified, the local administration should be systematically activised and made visibly accountable and responsive, there should be greater transparency on efforts in regard to human rights issues, developmental activities should be stepped up with the involvement and participation of people at the grass roots levels and effective steps should be taken to expose and counter the false and mischievous propoganda campaign being carried out by Pakistan and other vested interests against the country.

Sardar Swaran Singh, Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw, Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh, S/ Shri T. N. Kaul, S. Nihal Singh, Hokishe Sema, M. K. Narayanan, Pran Chopra, B. G. Verghese, S. K. Singh and Abid Hussain, participated in this meeting.

संस्थाओं द्वारा प्राप्त की गई विदेशी सहायता

2912. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष, 1992-93 के दौरान सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी संस्थाओं को विदेशों से कितनी सहायता राशि प्राप्त हुई;

(ख) ऐसी सहायता प्राप्त करने वाली संस्थाओं और व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या क्या है तथा सहायता की धनराशि कितनी-कितनी है; और

(ग) ऐसी सहायता किन-किन देशों से प्राप्त हुई ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) विदेशी अभिदाय (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1976 के उपबंधों की शर्तों के अनुसार, अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत आने वाली संस्थाओं से विदेशी अभिदाय प्राप्त करने के संबंध में सूचना मई, 1993 तक प्राप्त होनी थी, परन्तु सूचना सभी से प्राप्त नहीं हुई है । अत: वर्ष 1992-93 के लिए विदेशी अभिदाय के अन्तिम आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

आजमगढ़ जिले के पुलिस थानों के विरुद्ध शिकायत

2913. श्री मुहम्मद मसूद खान : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें किसी संसद सदस्य से दिनांक 14 मई, 1993 का कोई पत्र मिला है, जिसमें जिला आजमगढ़, उत्तर प्रदेश के थाना सरायमीर के विरुद्ध शिकायत की गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अब तक क्या क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) मामले की जांच पुलिस सर्किल अधिकारी, आजमगढ़ द्वारा की गयी थी । पुलिस अधिकारियों के खिलाफ लगाए गए आरोप सही नहीं पाए गए ।

Sales Tax pending in Delhi

2914. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Sales Tax pending collection in Delhi and the date from which it is due;

(b) the reasons for its non collection in time and the steps taken to realise the same ;

(c) the number of cases of fraud and evasion of tax which have come to the notice of authorities and the money involved in each case ;

(d) the number of appeals pending with the Appellate Authorities and since when these are pending with the total amount involved therein; and

(e) the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of these appeals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that as on 30-6-1993, Sales Tax dues amounting to Rs. 1279.28 crores were pending in respect of different assessment years.

(b) Out of these Sales Tax dues of Rs. 1279.28 crores, Rs. 446.40 crores are under stay orders of Appellate Authorities/Courts while Rs. 121.74 crores are under rectification. Various measures have been taken to improve recovery. Zonal Recovery Cells have been restructured and fortified. Efforts have been intensified to nab big defaulters. Photographs of some major defaulters have been published in newspapers seeking information about their whereabouts. As many as 56 defaulters were sent to jail during 1992-93 for non-payment of dues. Numerous steps have been taken to expedite disposal of appeals. The Assessing Authorities have been advised to dispose of rectification applications expeditiously.

(c) During the year 1992-93, incriminating documents hinting at massive evasion of Sales Tax were seized in 192 cases. In 164 cases misutilisation of statutory forms were detected.

(d) As on 30 June 93, 56,116 appeals (including revision applications) were pending with different Appellate Authorities.

(e) Departmental Appellate Authorities have been urged to dispose of appeals instituted upto 31-3-1991. Appellant-dealers have been asked to cooperate with the Appellate Authorities so as to ensure expeditious disposal of their appeals.

राजस्थान में महिलाओं की बिक्री

2915. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 8 जुलाई, 1993 के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित जयपुर से संबंधित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें कहा गया है कि राजस्थान के डहौती और सवाई माधोपुर क्षेत्रों में मीणा जाति की महिलाओं को गाय-बकरियों की तरह बेचा जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अमानवीय और अनैतिक धन्धे को तत्काल समाप्त करने के लिए अब तक क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं अथवा उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् । समाचार सबसे पहले नवभारत टाईम्स के जयपुर संस्करण में 2 जुलाई, 1993 को प्रकाशित हुआ ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार का ध्यान समाचार में निहित सूचना की ओर दिलाया गया है और उनसे, उपयुक्त जांच करने के बाद आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने के लिए कहा गया है ।

Replacement of Black Cat for VIP Security

2916. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to replace "Black Cats" by Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) for VIP Security;

(b) what are the names of the VIPs provided